

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, lines 11-15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--One of the two matrigel coated stents showed thrombotic occlusion within one week. The stent coated according to the present invention in the same animal was in a condition at ~~autopsie~~ autopsy. Mean neointimal thickness at one week was 24 μ m (range 20-44 μ m) in the matrigel coated stent and 14 μ m (range 10 - 24 μ m) in the stent coated according to the present invention.--